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WHEN ISRAEL CEASES TO CARE

Lamentations 1:1-4, 12-16

INT: Time: 588 B. C. Place: Jerusalem. Event: God's people marching, chained, out of the city toward Babylon. 70 yrs. captivity ahead, for sin and idolatry. Greatest pain: Sight of Jews, not going, and their neighbors; unconcerned and indifferent. APPLICATION TODAY: Americans falling into bondage of several kinds. Many don't care!!! Many: Slaves to Alcohol. In bondage to Narcotics. Being submerged in filthy literature. Children in epidemic of social diseases: Syphilis and gonorrhoea. Nation gripped by ever rising crime situation. SOME DON'T CARE!!! Step by step we are going deeper and deeper into misery!!! CHURCH is the pillar and ground of God's truth and WE DO CARE! I Tim. 3:15. JESUS is the Prince of Peace and Giver of the Abundant Life. J. 14:27. 10:10.

I. ONE STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION IS THE SPREAD OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

A. Some thoughts worthy of our consideration.

1. Alcohol in beverage-form is very very old. Noah had wine. Gen. 9:21. 2,348 B. C. *year*
2. It was a drink in the East in the days of our Lord. Water to wine. John 2:9.
3. It was used as a medicine by Paul. Timothy. I Timothy 5:23.
4. Qualification for elders: Not a drinker. Blameless. I Tim. 3:3. *Good report without!*
5. Paul cautioned early Christians NOT to offend the young, weak and ignorant through the exercise of their LIBERTY. Rom. 14:16-23\* Use influence for good only.

B. THE CHRISTIAN CONVICTION OF MANY IN AMERICA TODAY.

1. We have 6 to 8,000,000 hopeless alcoholics in this country today. MUST STOP THE TREND!
2. Liquor industry to making a powerful pitch toward YOUTH in America. Must be stopped!
3. In time of riot or demonstration, first thing ordered is "Close bars and liquor stores." We believe national condition bordering on NATIONAL RIOTS & CRIME --- that liquor should be curtailed, rather than spread more broadly in time of Crisis.
4. Nov. 3, Texans will VOTE yes or no to LIQUOR BY THE DRINK in Texas. Experience elsewhere and current statistics prove this spreads alcoholism! Experience elsewhere shows that it brings on an increase in CRIME. Experience proves that it COSTS more to deal with the RESULTS of increased alcoholism than the states gain from liquor tax revenue.
5. CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS:
  - a. Our alcohol problem is bad enough in Texas with the current LIQUOR BY THE BOTTLE arrangement.
  - b. Our alcohol problem will increase measurably if LIQUOR BY THE DRINK is voted in.
  - c. Our problem will grow because most restaurants and cafes on our streets and highways will serve liquor to more and more drivers on our streets, & highways.
  - d. That the AMERICAN VOTE is our social means of control and adjustment.
  - e. That Americans and Christians should vote their honest convictions at the polls.
  - f. That we should all HOPE and VOTE and PRAY that more problems and Trouble will not be BROUGHT INTO THIS STATE at the polls Nov. 3.

We sincerely believe that LIQUOR BY THE DRINK will compound our already

complex social situation. Agree with Paul: I Thess. 5:21. Prove all things.  
I Thess. 5:22 Abstain for all...



II. REMAINDER OF THIS SERMON IS CONCERNED WITH ANSWERS TO CLAIMS of LIQUOR INDUSTRY in regards to the Liquor by the Drink Issue.

A. LIQUOR BY THE DRINK WILL BRING MORE PROSPERITY TO THE STATE AND CITIES.

1. Motivation is the PROFIT-MOTIVE---supposedly for you, for business and for the tax rolls. Note: The MAJOR MOTIVE is money and more money!
2. A fact of life: "The easier liquor is to buy and the more outlets there are to sell; the greater percentage of a community's spending will be for liquor, with a corresponding lower percent funds for food, clothing, rent, utilities etc. etc."
3. Another fact of life: Question: Is society so weak that we must protect our citizens young and old from the potential evils of alcohol? Ans. Yes!

Counter question: Is our society so WEAK that WE must protect our citizens young and old from the evils of DRUGS??? Then why such a drive against them? Ans. is YES, society is weak!

Another question: Is our society so WEAK that WE and our police departments must protect our citizens, young and old, from the evils of criminals???

Ans. Yes, a segment of our society is weak and commits many crimes. Yes, our society is weak and needs PROTECTION from the evil citizens, and from themselves.

DEDUCTION: We protect our citizens from CRIMINALS, DOPE, IMPURE FOODS, INADEQUATE HOUSING, and BUSINESS ABUSES---then why not against the evils of increased alcoholism??????  
MOST OF THE LIQUOR PROFITS WILL GO TO THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY!!!!

B. THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY CONTENTS THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LIQUOR CONSUMED in the liquor by the drink situation, would be LESS because drinkers would drink only a cocktail or two --whereas if they bought a whole bottle they would drink more. Does this hold good under logical analysis? Let us see:

1. It is contended also that men will drink less because liquor by the drink will cost more. (This proves that the PROSPERITY of this new proposal would benefit the INDUSTRY, not the drinker!!!)

BUT, if it costs so much more by the DRINK, then will not the THINKING person continue to buy liquor by the bottle because it is CHEAPER, and go right on drinking MORE from the bottle?

CONCLUSION: The "bottle" argument does not hold, unless it was cheaper by the drink than by the bottle. LIQUOR BY THE DRINK SEEMS TO ENCOURAGE/EXCITE BY THE BOTTLE MORE rather than less--as contended.  
DRINKING /

2. THE FACTS: 1963 Iowa Legislature passed L B T D bill. July 4, 1963.  
L B T D lower sales???? Raise sales?  
1963 - Total sales \$75, 173, 018.91.  
1966 - Total sales \$91, 021, 721.21.  
TOTAL INCREASE: \$15, 848, 703.00. 20% gain!

MORE FACTS: As their liquor outlets increased, their consumption of liquor increased and their headaches and heartaches increased.



C. LIQUOR BY THE DRINK WILL INCREASE THE TAX INCOME FOR THE STATE!!

1. Agreed! L B T D will increase: liquor outlets.

liquor consumption. (Why claim less?????)

liquor taxes for the state.

liquor profits for the industry.

*increase:* alcoholism in her citizenry.

broken homes and divorces, wrecked childrens lives.

need of hospitals for alcoholics.

need of more mental institutions for habituais.

increase need for more police officers to

police the city, highway patrolmen to patrol

the highways and penitentiarys and jails to

hold the DWIs and criminals acting under the

influence of alcohol.

2. QUESTION: Will the increased taxes

pay for the increased

crime, /highway accidents and insurance to cover the same, /broken

homes and families on the welfare-rolls, the jails and penitentiaries

to house the law violators and the loss of man-hours in industry???

Let us see?

3. STATES THAT CHANGED TO L B T D and their studies:

✓ 1. California. (Study by <sup>calif.</sup> legislature.) For each \$1 in taxes cost \$5.23  
for policing, jailing, rehabilitating, prosecuting ciminals etc.

✓ 2. Mass. 381 page report by the General Court of Mass. For \$1 taxes cost \$3.50.

✓ 3. Utah State Board of Alcoholism: \$1 in taxes, cost \$1.37 to clean up mess.

✓ 4. Atlanta Georgia: Study by Emory University of same: For each \$1 in taxes cost  
State \$6.43 in  
reclamation.

NOTE: These findings do not record the broken lives (of men)

broken hearted wives

shame heaped on the children

loss of a decent living by families

misery of families whose husband and daddy

was sent to prison

precious souls which have gone to the

Devil and are on the way to Hell

because of the Liquor Tax Dollar!

*Rom. 6.*

*I said for each  
\$1, costs \$9 to  
clean up  
results.*

D. LIQUOR INDUSTRY CLAIMS L B T D WILL DECREASE THE NUMBER OF HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS.

1. In Texas most of our resturants and motel dining rooms are on main streets and highways. They DO NOT serve liquor at this time.

2. Put liquor in these cafes, resturants and motel dining rooms and highway accidents will spiral.

✓ a. Two drinks in the average size man impairs his safe driving judgment and his inhibitions to taking needless chances.

✓ (Most dangerous places on highways: ? Approaches from liquor joints & saloons.)

✓ (Multiply the drinking places and multiply the dangerous appraoches.)

Authorities: 15 min. after 1 drink and the brain is impaired some.

2 drinks and the man is an unsafe driver for two hours.

✓ b. 1,700 Texans died last year due to liquor. 25,000 in U. S. due to accidents.

1960s  
 U.S. pop. up 13%  
 Serious crime inc. 148%  
 close saloons ↑ + package stores!

E. LIQUOR INDUSTRY CLAIMS L B T D <sup>Need?</sup> WOULD LESSEN DRINKING AND THEREBY LESSEN CRIME. Stores!

1. Believe already proved they expect more profits---that can come only by more drinking or higher cost per drinker. Truth is: BOTH COME TO PASS.  
 More drink more and costs them all more--- and everyone else pays more!

✓ 2. F. B. I. : 50% to 60% of all arrests in U. S. come within one of four categories: DRUNKENNESS, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, D. W. I. AND LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS.

✓ FBI says 62% of all MAJOR CRIMES (Murder, rape, aggravated assault, etc. result of ~~use~~ use of alcoholic beverages.

SIMPLE FORMULEA: Reduce liquor establishments, and  
 Reduce liquor availability, and  
 Reduce liquor consumption, and will  
 Reduce liquor offenses and  
 Reduce highway accidents and crime...and human misery. Valid!

WARNING: Liquor by the Drink INCREASES each of these, whereas society needs them reduced.

SUMMARY: 1. Liquor by the Drink will increase the amount of drinking done in this State.  
 2. It will increase the AVAILABILITY and the pressures on Young People to go along with the crowd.  
 3. Wider availability will create the appearance of ACCEPTABILITY and RESPECTABILITY of drinking because of the common appearance of it in so many public places.

INV: CHRISTIANS stand for the very best: Spiritually, Socially, Domestically and Educationally

Jesus offered the very best: John 10:10. B-R-C-B Acts 2:38.

Rededicate life if wasted it in selfish pursuits. R-P.

Identify.



IS IT NOTHING TO YOU??? (ALCOHOL)

Lamentations 1:1-3 and 12-16.

INT:

Prophet weeps over ruins of Jerusalem. Babylonian captivity  
 Greatest pain: Not disaster. But, unconcern & indifference  
 Something tragic happening to U. S. Greatest pain: Many  
 don't care. Just so it doesn't hurt me!  
 Enemy is militant: Magazine article: "Keep your nose out  
 of other people's business! "Guess who? **BREWERYIS!!!!**  
**Proposition: Drinking alcoholic beverages is a PRIVATE**  
**AFFAIR and only the drinker's business.**

I FACTS DISAGREE WITH THIS FALSE CONCLUSION.

- A. 7,000,000 Americans hopelessly and helplessly enslaved  
 to the HABIT of alcohol. Romans 6:16.
- B. 25<sup>000</sup> of 50,000 Americans killed on highway annually due  
*Ins. drop 40%.* to DWI. Over 400,000 injuries. 200 - alcohol!
- C. **CRIME: J. Edgar Hoover.** Of 2,300,000 Major crimes com.  
 in U.S. annually, 1,426,000 to alcohol. 62%.
- D. **WASTE:** \$10.2 billion spent annually for liquor. Only  
 \$ 5.0 billion spent annually on Religion in U.S.
- E. **YOUTH:** Juv. Del. up to 43% of all crime. Crime growing  
5 times faster than pop. "Liquor in every home?"
1. U. S. Survey: 20,000 youth.  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Ages: 16-18 yrs.
- a. 71.7% boys drank some. 50% girls drank some.
- b. 32% boy's parents aware. 50% girls parents knew.
- c. 20% of those polled already in trouble with law.
- \*d. 70% of youth got liquor from adults who bought  
 it for them. Adult delinquency!!! Who sells!!

QUESTION: Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by??

II

## WHY THIS LESSON?

- A. Think going to eliminate liquor, like Carrie Nation? **NO!**
- B. Think going to stop many from drinking? **NO!**
- C. Think going to scare anyone into not drinking? *starting* **NO!**
- D. **THEN WHAT?** Going to encourage all my little friends to  
never never start. *Best I can do!*

Ill. A. Lincoln promised a dear mother to never drink.  
 Didn't! (Parents: Dare to request such today?)

III

## NUMEROUS SCRIPTURES WARN MEN AGAINST ALCOHOLIC DRINKING. (75)

A. Prov. 20:1. 31:4-6. 23:29-32. Rom. 14:21 *Influence.*  
 Gal. 5:21. Titus 1:7. (One enough, here are 11 vs.)

THE

IV.

## HISTORY OF U. S. ALCOHOLISM WELL AGREES WITH GOD'S WORD.

1989

- A. 18th Amendment closed 177,790 saloons; 1,754 brewerys.
1. Insanity decreased in U. S. 66%. Deaths 42%.

Prohibition:

2. Closed 97 of Keely's 98 cure clinics; Neal's 60.
3. Crime decreased 54% first decade of prohibition.
4. **Evils** during prohibition? Yes. But **not as many** as under legalized drinking.

B. **REPEAL** of Prohibition in 1933 erased these gains.

1. Drunkenness increased **350%** in 226 cities **2 yrs.**
2. St. Louis hospitals showed 400% increase in alcohol (poison) patients. Slow death! **CUP OF FURY!**

C. **CORRUPTION:** Sen. Estes Kefauver, Senate Crime Inv. Comm.

"Without fear of contradiction, I say that corruption of law enforcement officers is rampant in many American communities today-on a scale- that makes the corruption of prohibition days look like a kindergarten party."

Christian Century. Feb. 28, 1951.

**Gen. George Marshall**, during Korean War Days said,

"The greatest threat to America today is the cocktail bar-at the \*\*\* hotel in Washington D. C." Quick. 2-'51

**CONCLUSION:** The world's best advice on **ALCOHOLISM** was given by a speaker of the A.M.A.: "don't take that first drink!!!" **Any safer way???** *I think 5:21-22.*

**INV:** Jesus calls men and women to the **best, noblest and finest life possible.**

If not a Christian, why not accept His call? **B\*R\*C\*B.**

If **turned your back on God in past**, turn around! **R-P.**

**Identify.**